

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: CONNECTOR SYSTEM FOR A  
PROXIMALLY TRIMMABLE CATHETER

Examiner: M. Mendez

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated July 25, 2008, for which a response was due on October 25, 2008. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to January 25, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.